

20 May 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chairman, Administration Management  
Advisory Group (ADMAG)  
SUBJECT : ADMAG Discussion Points for the DCI

1. Action Requested: None - FYI only - background notes for your meeting with ADMAG 27 May 1977.

2. Background: The ADMAG appreciates this opportunity to discuss with you some pertinent concerns regarding CIA. We have listed three questions/topics for your consideration. They are:

- (1) How open should CIA become with the public and what specifically is to be gained by this openness?

The Agency is becoming more and more open with respect to the public and the media. As a result of this "higher visibility" the Agency appears to be diverting resources that were allocated to the "business of intelligence." Certainly this open policy is an avenue to explain the Agency's missions and functions to the public as well as to articulate the need for intelligence in our government and society.

However, aside from diversion of resources to public affairs activities, there is also concern that piecemeal disclosures could affect the protection of intelligence sources and methods. For example, publishing the Agency's or Intelligence Community's single budget figure could cause further erosion of the budget.

- (2) How will the impending reorganization plans, (PRM-11 and proposed legislation by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence) affect CIA and specifically the Administration Directorate?

It is our impression that long range planning is at best difficult during these times of uncertainty.

Would you share with us your views or insights into these reorganization plans?

- (3) The employees of CIA would like a better understanding of the DCI. It is suggested by this group that this could be achieved by the following:

- (a) Clarify your interpretation of the roles of the DCI and DDCI.

- (b) Continue the use of "Notes From the Director" and expand to pass on recognition of recent Agency accomplishments.

- (c) Reach out personally to Agency employees, e.g., walk-through tours of offices and receive personalized presentations by individuals.

- (d) Explain the role of your immediate staff, who are they and what are their functions.

- (e) Lunch occasionally with employees.

The employees' apprehension over the future of the Agency may be a contributing factor to what they perceive as your image problem.

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Meeting with DCI has been moved  
to Friday 27 May, 1400 hours. Still  
in DCI Conference Room 7D64. Please  
call [REDACTED] X2452 if you  
have any questions.

Date

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